

SOUTHERN WOMEN HELPING.

Daughter's of the Confederacy Working to Preserve History.

AN INFLUENTIAL ORGANIZATION.

Something About Its Origin, Growth, and Objects—The Flourishing Virginia Division, and Its Chapters—Will Meet Here During the Reunion.

Not alone to the Sons of Veterans has been left the duty of keeping alive the records and memories of the brave Confederate soldiers, who fought like heroes in defense of the fairest land under the sun; but those brave Southern women, who were living illustrations for courage, gallantry and self-sacrifice on the part of the dashing Southern soldiers, have banded themselves together to help in this noble work.

Probably few indorsements produced so powerful an effect upon the bravery of the Confederate soldier as did the beautiful Southern woman. She was his inspiration, his guiding star, and many times encouraged him when downcast and depressed. Often when defeat stared him in the face, and there was before him nothing but gloom and discouragement, the image of her who sympathized with him, prayed for him, and worked for him in his absence, gave him new hope, cheered his forlorn spirits, and helped him to win the victory in an unevenly-balanced fight with the enemy.

Too much cannot be said of the self-sacrifice and patience of the Southern women. Whether at home, or in the hospital, she was always ready and anxious to help the soldier, to cheer him, to raise the sick, and minister to the wants of the wounded and suffering. Her name will go ringing down the vista of time along with that of him who won fame to his sword and glory by his heroism.

THE ORGANIZATION.

Appropriate, indeed, it is that the Southern woman should organize to help in this great work of preserving history and keeping green the memory of those whom the world has yet seen. They have done their part nobly and well, and it was in Atlanta that the organization known as the United Daughters of the Confederacy was effected, November 4th, 1890, was the date. Before that time there was an organization called the National Order of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and at the convention held in Atlanta last November the constitution and by-laws were adopted, and the name of the organization changed to the United Daughters of the Confederacy. At that gathering, the committee which submitted the report to change the name was composed of Mrs. Hickman, of Tennessee, chairman; Mrs. Smythe, of South Carolina, and Mrs. Farley, of North Carolina.

After the adoption of a constitution, the following officers were elected, to serve one year: Mrs. John C. Brown, of Nashville, Tenn., president; Mrs. L. H. Barnes, of Savannah, Ga., vice-president; Mrs. J. Jefferson Thomas, of Atlanta, Ga., recording secretary; Mrs. J. M. Clark, of Nashville, Tenn., corresponding secretary; Mrs. Lottie Preston Clark, of Lynchburg, Va., treasurer.

ITS RAPID GROWTH.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has increased its strength with marked rapidity since its organization. The chapters, which the organization was formed, commanded themselves to the women all over the South, with the result that chapters were soon organized in various parts of the South, and now there are chapters in each of the Confederate States, all working for the same laudable end. There are now more than 500 chapters in the South, and this number will soon reach one hundred.

Besides the United Daughters of the Confederacy, there are several State organizations, some of which have chapters that belong to both bodies, while many of the chapters in the State organizations do not belong to the United Daughters.

Among the State organizations conspicuous are those of Georgia, Tennessee, and Virginia. The officers of the Georgia organization are: Mrs. C. Helen Paine, of Atlanta, president; Mrs. L. H. Raines, Savannah, vice-president; Mrs. C. K. Cutler, Atlanta, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Virginia C. Bates Conner, Covington, recording secretary; Mrs. D. O. Miller, Atlanta, treasurer; Miss Rebecca Boggs, Augusta, registrar.

For Tennessee the officers are: Mrs. M. C. Goodlett, Nashville, president; Mrs. F. Wilson Gallatin, Nashville, vice-president; Mrs. John C. Gant, Nashville, registrar.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy have collected a large amount of money during its existence as an organization, for noble purposes, and they have done a great deal towards rendering financial assistance to the veterans and sons of veterans. Not long ago the President issued an appeal in behalf of the House Memorial, and on Memorial Festival Day last, a large amount of money was raised for this purpose. Mrs. Brown, the president, closed her appeal in behalf of the House Memorial as follows:

"The women of the South, in every locality, will enter promptly, zealously, continuously upon this work. Its success will be assured, the noble confidence which the Confederate Veterans repose in the women of the South will be justified and we shall have the satisfaction of feeling that we have discharged a sacred duty."

THE VIRGINIA DAUGHTERS.

In May, 1896, at a meeting of the Ladies' Confederate Memorial Association, of Charlottesville, Va., a letter was presented from the John Horne Strange Camp of Confederate Veterans, Col. Garnett, commander, requesting the ladies to become an auxiliary of the camp, to aid in its work of caring for all needy Confederates and their families.

Mrs. Garnett, having the matter much at heart, wrote a letter to the camp offering to form an auxiliary, confident of the sympathy of many members of the Memorial Association, which had recently erected, near the University of Virginia, one of the most beautiful Confederate monuments in the South. The proposition to the camp brought the following response:

"At a meeting of the camp on May 22, 1896, it was expressed to Mrs. Garnett its high appreciation of her proposed plan of a Ladies Auxiliary Association to assist the camp in its efforts to relieve the necessities of dependent Confederates, and that she be requested to take such steps as she and her associates thought best to secure the formation of such an Auxiliary Association. A society was at once formed under the name of 'Daughters of the Confederacy' and they believe it to have been the first society in the country to bear that name."

After the Charlottesville Chapter was organized, at that first meeting, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. James Mercer Garnett; Vice-President, Mrs. C. C. Wertheimer; Secretary, Miss Cynthia Berkley; Treasurer, Miss Mary Vanderlip; Executive Committee: Mrs. N. E. Davis, Miss Gillie Hill, and the late Mrs. William Southall—whose place is now filled by Mrs. Jay.

OLDEST AND AIM.

In addition to the benevolent feature, this society is to honor historical papers, give personal reminiscences of the war, and other events. Valuable Confederate records are being collected and preserved, and every effort is made to perpetuate the memory of our Confederate heroes. It will also be the aim of the society to have used in our schools only true his-

tories, that the youth of the South may understand for what their fathers fought and died.

The badge of the society consists of an open circle of white enamel bearing in letters of gold, "Daughters of the Confederacy." In the open centre are crossed the first and last flags of the Confederacy, the colors being blue, brought out in red, white and blue enamel and gold. This badge has been patented, and is now used as the official Virginia badge. It is worn by our members in Washington, D. C.; in St. Louis, Missouri, and in the States of Montana, Georgia, and Washington, and other places.

VIRGINIA CHAPTERS.

The Virginia Daughters is now by far the largest organization of the kind in the South. The following chapters, already organized, will be increased from time to time in future. The names of the chapters, with their officers, are given below:

Albemarle—President, Mrs. James Mercer Garnett; Vice-President, Mrs. C. C. Wertheimer; Treasurer, Mrs. N. E. Davis; Secretary, Miss Fanny Berkley; Newport News—President, Mrs. Geo. W. Neills; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Shetland Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. W. George; Secretary, Mrs. W. Filmore Turnbull.

Petersburg—President, Mrs. Robert T. Meade; Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Rosewater; Treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Watson; Secretary, Mrs. Richard B. Davis.

Roxboro—President, Mrs. Terry Lewis; Vice-President, Mrs. Terry.

Richmond—President, Mrs. John E. Brown; Vice-President, Mrs. G. P. Williams; Treasurer, Mrs. E. P. Lipscomb; Secretary, Mrs. S. T. McCullough.

Lexington—President, Miss Mildred Lee; Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. Estill; Treasurer, Miss Mary Nelson Pendleton; Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Pendleton.

Hopkins—President, Mrs. May G. Vaughan; Treasurer, Mrs. Frank T. Crump; Secretary, Mrs. Austin Brockway.

Radford—President, Mrs. Wm. R. Mulligan; Vice-President, Mrs. W. Mulligan; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Mulligan.

Charlottesville—President, Mrs. L. N. Estill; Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. B. Stuart; Treasurer, Mrs. G. P. Williams; Secretary, Mrs. E. P. Lipscomb.

Roanoke—President, Mrs. Frank T. Crump; Treasurer, Mrs. Frank T. Crump; Secretary, Mrs. Frank T. Crump.

Fairfax—President, Mrs. Wm. E. Estill; Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. E. Estill; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. E. Estill.

Fredericksburg—President, Mrs. L. N. Estill; Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. E. Estill; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. E. Estill.

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